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TITLE NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Nationalist Conservative Party reportedly was first started in late 1954 or early 1955. This organization is promoted by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, who was a supporter of the German-American Bund and a convicted Selective Service violator. WERNECKE reported attempting to promote a new political movement with himself at the head. WERNECKE has been in touch with "well-known hate elements" in the U.S. in an attempt to gain a following. As of the present time this Party has not "jelled" and has failed to take hold and attract interest. JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS and WESTHOOKER are reported to be "interested in this organization. The aim of this Party is the formation of a third party due to the faults and mistakes of the two major political parties in the U.S. The program of this Party is set forth. Various leaflets and an auto sticker concerning this Party have been distributed through the U.S. Mail by WERNECKE.

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DETAILS:

Mr. WILLIAM F. BATES, 1700 North Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, furnished literature concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party which was furnished to him by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, National Chairman of this organization.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL
ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

WILLIAM J. PINSLEY, Fact Finding Department, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information on April 14, 1955, and September 8, 1955:

The Nationalist Conservative Party was first started in late 1954 or early 1955 by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Early in 1955, small want ads began to appear with regularity in a number of metropolitan, neighborhood and foreign newspapers advocating support for the Nationalist Conservative Party of Chicago. These ads appeared in the personal column in the want ad section. These ads solicited "TAF REPUBLICANS" and "MC CARTHY REPUBLICANS" to come and join the Nationalist Conservative Party. These ads appeared three and four times a week. In recent months there have been no ads appearing in newspapers regarding this Party.

In the spring of 1955 WERNECKE submitted several ads concerning his Party which appeared in newspapers located in the Southern states.

This organization purports to be a new extreme "right wing" political party and has invited interested people to become affiliated as members. No membership fee is presently required from those who desire to become members.

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WERNECKE has been in close touch with many of the "well-known hate elements" throughout this country during the past several months.

According to PINSLEY, the few pieces of literature which WERNECKE has circulated promote an extremely reactionary point of view and state that neither the Republican nor Democratic parties merit the support of "real Americans."

WERNECKE has had no advertised meetings of the Nationalist Conservative Party, however, WERNECKE may have had a meeting or two of a few select individuals. WERNECKE is attempting to promote a new political movement with himself at the head.

Due to WERNECKE'S financial independence, he has been able to "dabble in a number of bigoted movements." WERNECKE'S inheritance included a farm in Huntley, Illinois, and an apartment building in Chicago.

WERNECKE has a hobby of collecting guns and practices shooting on his farm. WERNECKE has a large collection of revolvers, rifles and shot guns.

PINSLEY did not believe that WERNECKE was building an arsenal, but believed his gun collecting is a hobby.

WERNECKE is anti-EISENHOWER administration and he has been in touch either personally or by correspondence in the last few months with nearly everyone in the United States who has been active in the "well-known hate elements" throughout this country. By contacting these individuals WERNECKE hopes to gain a following.

WERNECKE has also sent out a large volume of mail consisting of membership blanks and brochures concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party. WERNECKE in return receives a considerable amount of mail.

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WERNECKE is doing everything he can to stir up interest in himself, however, WERNECKE is noncommittal on most issues which may come up, but has indicated he is opposed to labor unions.

According to PINSLEY this organization has not attracted the general attention of the American public. WERNECKE has only a vague promotional idea for his Party. As of the present time this Party has not "gelled" and has failed to take hold and attract interest.

II. OFFICERS

According to PINSLEY, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE heads the Nationalist Conservative Party. PINSLEY also believed that JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, Chicago, Illinois, and one WEST HOOKER of Larchmont, New York, are associated with WERNECKE in this movement. According to PINSLEY BEAUHARNAIS and HOOKER do not have an official capacity with this organization but undoubtedly have similar ideas as WERNECKE. If this movement will benefit them to further their own ideas they will assist WERNECKE in his movement.

Information Concerning WILLIAM B. WERNECKE

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, on September 7, 1942, advised SAs PENNEL V. ROBE, J. E. TIERNEY, Jr., and ~~J. BRADY~~ MURPHY that he, WERNECKE, endeavored to obtain membership in the Silver Shirt Legion of America, but was unable to secure membership in this organization inasmuch as he was a member of the German-American Bund. WERNECKE also stated that he received an honorary membership in the Knights of the White Camelia.

The Silver Shirt Legion of America, the German-American Bund, and the Knights of the White Camelia have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, on July 22, 1942, advised SAs PENNEL V. ROBE and EARL HIRSH that HERBERT HAUPT had visited at the WERNECKE farm in 1939 and also visited with him in 1942.

It is to be noted that HERBERT HAUPT was apprehended by Bureau agents on June 27, 1942, as one of the "Eight Nazi Saboteurs." HAUPT was tried before a Military Tribunal, convicted and received the death penalty, and was executed at Washington, D. C.

On June 11, 1943, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was found guilty in Federal Court on two counts for the violation of the Selective Service Act of 1940. WERNECKE was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on each count, to run concurrently and was fined \$10,000.

Information Concerning JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, Head of the White Circle League

The White Circle League of American was incorporated in the State of Illinois on November 9, 1949. Its charter was revoked on June 29, 1952, on the grounds that the literature of the League "was highly inflammatory and would cause conflict among the races."

According to the organization's charter, it was founded "for the purpose of education, as to customs, civic and social standards, charitable purposes among its members, maintenance of schools thereof, and the dissemination of information and literature which pertains thereto and to safeguard the property of its members and tax research therein."

According to Mr. PINSLEY, there has been no recent activity on the part of BEAUHARNAIS' White Circle League of American, which BEAUHARNAIS founded and was the head of when the organization was active. It was PINSLEY'S opinion that the organization is now practically nonexistent.

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Information Concerning MICHAEL PLUMMER

On March 5, 1955, MICHAEL PLUMMER, Jr., 10445 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA FRANK J. DUFFIN of the following information:

PLUMMER had been quoted correctly in a Chicago newspaper as being opposed to the enactment of a "Sullivan Law" for Chicago. PLUMMER believed that if a law were passed of this nature it would be un-American. This proposed law would be similar to New York's "Sullivan Law" and would make it illegal for an ordinary citizen to maintain firearms in his residence. PLUMMER indicated that he is a target shooter and a gun fancier.

As a result of this newspaper publicity WILLIAM B. WERNECKE of 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, contacted PLUMMER advising that he was the National Chairman of the Nationalist Conservative Party with offices at the above address. WERNECKE had read about PLUMMER in the newspapers and wanted to support PLUMMER in his stand against the "Sullivan Law" in Chicago. WERNECKE solicited PLUMMER to become a member of the Nationalist Conservative Party.

PLUMMER advised that some acquaintance (name unknown) had advised him that WERNECKE was "mixed up with the German Bunds prior to the ending of World War II."

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On March 8, 1955, PLUMMER advised SA JOHN DONALDSON that he had been advised by a representative of the Nationalist Conservative Party that there is evidence to support a charge that the Communist Party fully supports and is working for the passage of the "Sullivan Law."

On May 6, 1955, GEORGE WOLF, 5408 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA THOMAS E. CONNELLY

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of the following information:

Recently a customer of WOLF, MICHAEL PLUMMER, Jr., 10445 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, requested him (WOLF) to join the Nationalist Conservative Party. PLUMMER furnished WOLF with literature describing the aims and purposes of this party.

The aim of the Nationalist Conservative Party is the formation of a third political party. In the literature furnished WOLF, PLUMMER was described as "Chairman of the Firearms, Legislative Committee." According to WOLF, PLUMMER does not like the way this country is being run and believes the Nationalist Conservative Party can do a better job.

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 16, 1955, furnished literature which describes the aims and purposes of the Nationalist Conservative Party. This information is as follows:

"NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY

"-THE MEANING OF THE NAME:-NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY-

"NATIONALIST:- To advocate the unity and independence of our country. To believe that the interests of our country are above the interests of all other countries, and with unceasing zeal we pursue this course.

"CONSERVATIVE:- To preserve the institutions of our country, to preserve the wealth, the private property and the national resources of our country. To prevent wanton waste of our national income, to prevent squandering and give away programs to help any political party to buy votes, or squandering and give away programs by which politicians give billions of dollars to foreign countries for their

own selfish reasons.

"To demand an economical administration of government, a balanced budget, and a prompt reduction of our national bonded indebtedness.

"PROFITS IN WARTIME

"Inasmuch as during the past two wars manufacturers and war workers have made huge profits out of war contracts, the Nationalist Conservative Party proposes the following policy:

"(1.) In time of war all labor shall be conscripted in the same manner as the men in the armed forces are conscripted and receive the same salary.

"(2.) All manufacturers of war materials and supplies to be required to accept contracts on open competitive basis, all profits will be set by Congress at a definite per cent ratio. The per cent of profit to be the same for all.

"LABOR UNIONS

"Inasmuch as a large percentage of labor unions are controlled and dominated by thugs, roughnecks, grafters and Moscow inspired communists, and inasmuch as these quasi-bandits are not operating the unions for the benefit of the workers but for their own profit and for the benefit of corrupt political organizations, the Nationalist Conservative Party proposes the investigation and incarceration of all corrupt labor bosses and gangsters and corrupt, treasonable, communist labor organizers and the dissolution of such corruptly dominated unions until the time they are re-organized under the leadership of patriotic decent American citizens.

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"Inasmuch as each and every American citizen is guaranteed the sacred right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, under the Constitution of the United States, the Nationalist Conservative Party will cause the arrest and prosecution of any labor leader, or any group of labor organizers or any labor thugs who attempt to prevent any American man or woman from working at any trade or profession or from working at any factory or place.

"Below is a copy of a United States Federal law which should and will be used against corrupt labor leaders who attempt to prevent American men and women from obtaining employment without first paying tribute to labor unions in the form of union dues.

"Law of the United States on conspiracy should be applied to labor bosses.

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States or because of his so having exercised the same...they shall be fined not more than \$5,000.00 and imprisoned not more than ten years and shall moreover, thereafter be ineligible to any office, or place of honor, profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States. (Section 19, United States Criminal Code (18 U.S.C. 51) titled 'Conspiracy to Injure Persons in the Exercise of Civil Rights').

"Any person who under color of any statute, ordinance, regulations, custom or usage of any state or territory, subjects or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States, to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to

the party injured in any action at law or suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.' (Section 43, U.S. Criminal Revised Statute, 1917).

"The above law protects American men and women from intimidation by labor bosses; the National Conservative Party proposes the full enforcement of this law against corrupt, violent labor unions and corrupt labor bosses.

"Therefore, the Nationalist Conservative Party demands the full privilege of the 'Open Shop' to all American workers. The Nationalist Conservative Party acknowledges the great and valiant work done in the past by the late Robert A. Taft, Senator of Ohio; in his fight against corrupt labor bosses, un-American labor laws, corrupt and Communist, labor bureaucrats, shyster labor lawyers and the criminal and treasonable New Deal and Fair Deal administrations which plagued our country. The Nationalist Conservative Party pledges itself to carry on this fight against labor racketeers until the time when all American workers may work wherever they please without any interference from labor union racketeers.

"FOREIGN POLICY:

"(1.) We will trade with all nations of the world except Communist Russia and her allies.

"(2.) A favourable balance of trade must be maintained.

"(3.) Absolutely no treaty alliances with any foreign country unless such treaty alliances are highly beneficial to the United States of America.

"Absolutely no give away programs of gifts of assistance to any nation. All loans to any foreign nation must be sound and backed by physical assets and physical collateral.

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"The United States of America must sever membership and relations with the infamous United Nations.

"NATIONAL DEFENSE

"A strong national army must be maintained, the Nationalist Conservative Party asks Universal Military Training for all men and that attention be expressly given to a high degree of training and efficiency with a minimum of expenditure for each soldier.

"MONETARY PROGRAM:

"The Nationalist Conservative Party proposes an American dollar of unfluctuating value, a dollar backed by physical assets and the physical resources and property of the United States: an American dollar with the purchasing power in the staple commodities of the 1930 American dollar.

"The Nationalist Conservative Party proposes the abolition of all Federal debt over fifteen billion dollars, this to be attained by a national sales tax if necessary.

"The Nationalist Conservative Party demands that the United States never face a war or an emergency with a high bonded indebtedness.

"The Nationalist Conservative Party believes the American people to be a high and noble race and therefor demands that we do not leave huge national debts as an heritage to our children.

"NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY

"William B. Wehnecke
National Chairman"

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS

Literature Distributed

T-1, on May 16, 1955, furnished the following leaflets, which are being distributed by the Nationalist Conservative Party and are described as follows:

1. "Nationalist-Conservative Party, the third party, composed of right wing Republicans, right wing Democrats, Taft Republicans, Mc Carthy Republicans, America First Republicans, Dixiecrats, Byrd Democrats.

"Opposed to Me Too Republicans, New Deal Republicans, New Deal Democrats, Internationalists, Socialists, Communists, etc.

"For information and membership write Nationalist Conservative Party, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois."

2. "Mr. and Mrs. American Voter - If you vote for the Democratic Party we will be in an atomic war within one year.

"The last three wars were Democratic wars:

Democratic War No. 1 - 1917 -- World War I

Democratic War No. 2 - 1941 - World War II

Democratic War No. 3 - 1950 - Korean War

Democratic War No. 4 - 1950 - ? ? ? ?

"Banish the Democratic Party, which is the party of War, Debt and Debt."

"The Democratic Party has bankrupt our nation."

"The Democratic Party has given us 20 years of treason."

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"For information and membership write
Nationalist Conservative Party, 6250 Wayne
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois."

On August 3, 1955, T-1 furnished the following
material which is being distributed by WERNECKE:

1. An undated letter on the letterhead stationery
of the Nationalist Conservative Party which was addressed
to "Dear Member."

"This letter is to inform you that the
Nationalist Conservative Party is active and
energetically working to increase its membership.
We are most sorry that we have not communicated
with you sooner to keep you in touch with events
and Party Activities.

"We are at present advertising in 14 of the
leading Newspapers through out the United States
plus the activity of the individual local and county
organizations.

"Enclosed please find your Automobile windshield
sticker which we hope you will place on your car
immediately.

"Will you organize and lead your local chapter
of this Party in your home neighborhood? It is,
of course, vital that local, precinct and county
chapters of the Nationalist Conservative Party
be commenced immediately. If you wish any instructions
on how to organize a local chapter, please write us
for information and literature.

"We are enclosing two membership blanks, would
you please have these blanks filled out by two
people and send in, their cards will be sent to them.
This is the only way an honest and uncorrupted Party
such as ours can increase our membership. We do not

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have donations from internationalist bankers to pay for expensive Radio time, etc.

"Thanking you, I remain,

"Very truly yours,

"Wm. B. Wernecke,

National Chairman,"

2. The automobile sticker mentioned above is red and white in color and about four inches in diameter. This sticker bears the following inscription:

"America First
Vote for Nationalist Conservative Party
America Awaken
6250 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago 40, Ill."

Mr. WILLIAM F. BATES, 1700 North Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised in July, 1955 that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE had furnished him with a leaflet describing this Party. This leaflet in part is as follows:

"The Nationalist Conservative Party was founded in 1954 by patriotic Americans who realized the need for a third party for the reasons that both the Republican and Democratic parties have become internationalized and infiltrated by Communists, Socialists, New Dealers, Fair Dealers, Bureaucrats, ~~course roughnecks, and, rabble-rousing labber leaders.~~

"We founders of the Nationalist Conservative Party feel a burning need to organize and save our country. The Republican and Democratic parties have so exploited, taxed, milked, and weakened the body politic of the United States of America that the time has come when the goose that laid the golden egg is dying.

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"The Nationalist Conservative Party is motivated by only the highest and patriotic ideals and composed of men who believe honor, country, and decency to be their only purpose.

"We denounce and condemn the middle of the road, fence straddling policy of the Republican and Democratic parties and we earnestly ask your support and your pledge of membership.

"This briefly tells you something of the new third party, which is an extreme right wing party."

Membership Blank for the Nationalist Conservative Party

T-1 furnished a membership blank on May 16, 1955, for the Nationalist Conservative Party, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This membership blank in part disclosed the following information:

"I hereby apply for membership in the Nationalist Conservative Party. I fully support the Nationalist Conservative program of Nationalism (America First) and I will as a Party member fight the evil Communist, Socialist, New Deal, and Internationalist forces which are attempting to control the United States. I am a citizen of the United States.

"This application is subject to the approval of the Membership Committee of the Nationalist Conservative Party. Your membership will be forwarded to you when approval is granted."

At the conclusion of the above statement space is provided on the membership blank for the applicant's name, residence, telephone, and business.

Meeting of Nationalist Conservative Party

T-1 advised on August 3, 1955, that WERNECKE claimed to have had a small gathering of Nationalists

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from four states on a Sunday early in July, 1955 (place not indicated). WERNECKE believed everyone in attendance was pleased and enthusiastic.

Ad Appearing in Personal Column

Mrs. HELEN WITHINGTON, clerk, G-2, 5th Army Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JAMES R. SHEEHAN on 8/25/55 that the following advertisement appeared in the "Chicago Daily Tribune," Monday, January 24, 1955, in the personal column, Part two, page twelve:

"Taft Republicans and Mc Carthy Republicans who are interested in joining a third party, write Nationalist Conservative Party, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois."

Mrs. WITHINGTON advised that their files contained no additional information.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. JOSEPH BOOKER, Civilian Assistant to the District Director, OSI, United States Air Force, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JAMES R. SHEEHAN on August 23, 1955, that their files contain no information concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party.

On August 29, 1955, SA JAMES R. SHEEHAN caused a search to be made of the records of ONI, 9th Naval District, Chicago, Illinois, which disclosed no information concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party.

On September 28, 1955, T-2, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised they had no information concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party.

On August 25, 1955, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had no information concerning the Nationalist Conservative Party.

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T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 22, 1955, that he had no knowledge of the Nationalist Conservative Party.

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Information Concerning MICHAEL PLUMMER, Referred to in Section II of This Report

On November 21, 1954, MICHAEL PLUMMER, 10445 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, contacted the Chicago FBI Office as a complainant in an alleged TGP case involving a .45 caliber automatic.

On December 14, 1954, PLUMMER was further questioned regarding the original information he furnished at that time. PLUMMER furnished in part the following information:

PLUMMER "rambled on" about what a good patriotic American citizen he was trying to be and pointed out that he had spent much time at the public library reading books concerning espionage and sabotage. PLUMMER felt that by doing this he would be in a position to report violations to the FBI or other Government agencies.

PLUMMER was making an extensive study "all about the atomic bomb" and had drawn several diagrams as to how to protect himself and others in case of an atomic bomb raid.

This TGP case was closed administratively as preliminary investigation in this matter disclosed no violation.

Other Data

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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INFORMANTS

- T-1 [redacted], Panel Source, furnished information to SA [redacted] on May 16, 1955, and August 3, 1955.
- T-2 Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, contacted by SE [redacted] on September 28, 1955.
- T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA CHARLES SETAR on August 25, 1955.
- T-4 [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, Source of Information, contacted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1955.

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

Will furnish any pertinent information in New York files concerning WEST HOOKER and will contact logical sources concerning HOOKER. HOOKER is reported to be living at 1 Overlook Terrace, Larchmont, New York.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will follow and report additional activity of this organization.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Chicago dated July 25, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-2790)

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY
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DATE: October 17, 1955

On September 12, 1955, [redacted]
Panel Source of the Chicago Office, advised SA LLOYD O.
BOGSTAD that he visited in the home of WILLIAM B.
WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

WERNECKE heads a new political party
being founded in Chicago called the Nationalist
Conservative Party. This party is currently under
investigation by the Chicago Office.

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During this visit WERNECKE claimed that
he had heard that JAMES H. MADOLE, who heads the
National Russian Party in New York, was having Miss
PAT WARD, "top JELKE vice girl", stay at his home
in New York at the present time.

According to WERNECKE, "The ADL (Anti-
Defamation League) spies have riddled this nationalist
organization."

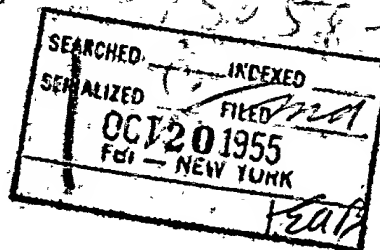
This is being submitted to the New York
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WEST HOOKER, Larchmont, NY, reportedly interested in the subject organization. HOOKER stated in March, 1955, that he had formed the Nationalist Party in NYC in 1954 as a political force to drive the Republican Party to the Right. He also indicated he was investigating certain activities of the Anti-Defamation League. HOOKER indicated he sent a letter to WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, head of the subject organization in July, 1955. T-1 indicated that HOOKER is a notorious anti-Semite, who has been active in many Nationalist organizations in NYC in the past, and recently headed the Nationalist Party, but he is unaware of any connection he may have had with the subject organization.

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DETAILS:

WILLIAM J. PINSLEY, Fact Finding Department, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Chicago, Illinois, indicated on April 14, 1955 and September 8, 1955, that

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WILLIAM B. WERNECKE heads the subject organization, and that WEST HOOKER, of Larchmont, New York, is associated with WERNECKE in this movement. He said HOOKER does not have any official capacity with the organization, but undoubtedly has similar ideas to WERNECKE. He added that if this movement would benefit him to further his own ideas, he would assist WERNECKE in his movement.

Mr. WEST HOOKER, 1 Overlook Terrace, Larchmont, New York, voluntarily appeared at the New York Office on March 8, 1955, and furnished the following information regarding his activities and the Nationalist Party:

He said he organized this party in the Fall of 1954 under the name US Nationalist Party and changed the name to Nationalist Party a few months ago. He stated he desired to obtain 12,000 signatures and get the Nationalist Party on the New York State Ballot. He said he hopes to organize a party powerful enough to act as a force between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, and his aim is to force the Republican Party to the Right.

HOOKER stated that his activities are also directed to counteract the propaganda produced by the various Jewish organizations. He said these organizations are allegedly fighting Communism, but continually soften the part which the Jewish people are playing in Communism. HOOKER said that he had originally attempted to gain control of the National Renaissance Party, which he believed might be useful for his purposes, but found that it was completely infiltrated by agents of the Jewish organizations, which he intended to attack.

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HOOGER stated that his activities are financed primarily by his own money, but he also receives contributions from personal friends. He said that in 1952, he went into business for himself as a film producer and now has the following companies:

Film Networks, Incorporated
Film Research, Incorporated
American Peace Foundation, Incorporated
Master Telco, Incorporated

He said that all these companies are utilized by him to distribute information and films to fight Zionism and the anti-Stalinists.

He said that his party advocates the nationalist approach for the United States and believes in eliminating the internal enemies of the United States. He stated that the last meeting of his party was held on January 7, 1955, and that no meetings are planned for the future. He stated he hopes eventually to produce a bulletin for this party, which will help unite the people and act as a rallying point for the party.

He added that SANFORD GRIFFITH, Anti-Defamation League agent in New York City, who is also known as ALFRED SCHEFFER and FREDERICK WEISS, who is a member of the National Renaissance Party, have attempted to advise him as to how he could publicize his activities and those of the Nationalist Party. HOOGER stated that these individuals said they had arranged for the recent House Un-American Activities Committee attack at the National Renaissance Party, and they could arrange similar publicity to aid him in placing the Nationalist Party in the public's eye.

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On April 21, 1955, HOOKER furnished the New York Office a copy of a sworn deposition by him regarding his activities in which he stated that, "One of the research jobs which he was conducting was to investigate certain activities of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and its activities in promoting so called anti-Semitic organizations".

HOOKER said that in a recent conversation with GRIFFITH and WEISS, it had been suggested that he change the platform of his party to include such things as "abolition of preliminary government". He said that in return for this, GRIFFITH promised he would get a lot of unfavorable publicity and would be built up as a "big man". HOOKER said that GRIFFITH used this sort of technique in order to obtain an allotment of money to fight these "threatening personalities". HOOKER stated that he did not know whether WEISS is actually an agent of the Anti-Defamation League, but he is positive that GRIFFITH is using this move "to help manipulate the Jewish masses for their financial contributions and vote control".

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on May 19, 1955, that the National Renaissance Party at present is a neo-Nazi, anti-Semite, anti-Negro organization with activities generally confined to the New York area. He stated the National Renaissance Party's leader and founder is JAMES H. MADOLE, and its principal financial contributor is FREDERICK WEISS. The National Renaissance Party was the subject of a preliminary report on neo-Fascist hate groups published by the Committee on Un-American Activities on December 17, 1954, which stated that this neo-Fascist group's activities and propaganda are clearly subversive and un-American.

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HOOGER indicated on May 23, 1955, that he is not having much success in forming his Nationalist Party, and that he has had to go to work as a model in order to help pay the expenses of this group. He said that no further meetings of the group are planned, but he intends to publish a bulletin for the party in the future.

On July 11, 1955, HOOGER furnished the New York Office with a copy of the first issue of the Nationalist Party Bulletin.

On August 2, 1955, HOOGER furnished the New York Office with a copy of a letter which he had written to WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois, on July 26, 1955. The following are direct quotes of the first two paragraphs of this letter; the remainder of the letter deals with HOOGER's activities in New York City in connection with his Nationalist Party:

"Thank you very much for your letter of July 9th and for your check for a subscription to the Nationalist Party Bulletin. You sure are a patriotic guy and there is no reason in the world for us to accept your check. We would send you the Bulletin anyway, of course. We are going to accept it, though, if you don't mind, because we just want to be able to say that a terrific guy like you subscribed to the Bulletin. If you have any publications, etc., we will subscribe to them, of course, also.

"Several people have written in that we should work with you. I have replied that we are working together, so let's leave it that way. The only thing I

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"didn't like was the name 'Conservative' which I explained, and which you explained back to me concerning the reasons why you use it. So we definitely are together - rest assured on that."

On November 10, 1955, HOOKER indicated to the New York Office that WEISS had told him that if he tried to expose of the anti-Defamation League's attempt to get him to "play ball", that the Anti-Defamation League would go after him through the New York State Attorney General's Office. He indicated that on this date, he had been served with papers "to cease and desist" selling securities for his Film Network, Incorporated.

The "New York Daily News" dated November 10, 1955, carried a story indicating that a temporary enjoiner had been issued against WEST HOOKER to show cause why an action enjoining him from selling stock should not be continued. This article indicated that the New York State Attorney General's Office showed that the HOOKER scheme smacked strongly of anti-Semitism and alleged that his corporation issued false statements using the names of General DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR and ROBERT E. WOOD, former Chairman of the Board at Sears, Roebuck and Company, without their permission.

T-1 advised on December 13, 1954, that the US Nationalist Party was organized in November, 1954 in New York City, by WEST HOOKER, of Larchmont, New York, whom this informant describes as a notorious anti-Semite, who has been active in many Nationalist organizations in New York City in the past. The informant said HOOKER initially made efforts to control the National Renaissance Party, but when this effort failed, he decided upon forming a new organization of his own.

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T-1 further indicated on November 10, 1955, that it appears that HOOKER's efforts to form the Nationalist Party in New York City have failed and there have been no meetings of this group in many months. He further stated that he is unaware of any direct connection between HOOKER and WILLIAM WERNECKE or the subject organization. He said, however, that inasmuch as HOOKER is devoted to the cause of Nationalism, that he probably is interested in WERNECKE's movement, insofar as it might be helpful to his own activities in behalf of his Nationalist Party.

T-1 also indicated that EUSTACE MULLINS, a former member of the National Renaissance Party allegedly had stayed at the home of WILLIAM WERNECKE for two weeks upon arriving in Chicago, Illinois, in the Fall of 1955. He said that MULLINS now has an apartment of his own in Chicago and presently is the editor and principal writer for a publication entitled, "Women's Voice". He said that this publication is notoriously anti-Semitic, and that MULLINS remains in close touch with WERNECKE.

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in the report only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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Additional copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago Office for appropriate distribution to local agencies in Chicago.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LLOYD O. BOGSTAD, 10/17/55, Chicago.

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NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY
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Re report of SA EDWARD A. BRANDT, 12/15/55, New York.

The following is an explanation of information furnished by WEST HOOKER in rerep as requested in Chicago routing slip dated 2/16/56:

In reference to page 3, paragraph 3, HOOKER indicated that he is opposed to the World Zionist Movement as well as the anti-Stalinists, anti-Stalinists being the name commonly used to designate the Communist faction which opposes Stalin's brand of Communism with its anti-Semitic aspect.

In reference to page 3, paragraph 5, HOOKER has furnished a sworn affidavit stating that SANFORD GRIFFITH, wa., ALFRED SHEFFER, an agent of the Anti-Defamation League in NYC, has offered aid to HOOKER to promote his Nationalist Party. HOOKER stated that certain individuals and organizations which are publicly fighting anti-Semitism, secretly aid nationalist groups and play up their anti-Semitic nature in order to make them appear to be a great menace in the eyes of the general public.

The word "he" on page 4, paragraph 1, line 4 is correct and this sentence refers to research jobs which HOOKER was conducting through the corporations listed on page 3.

If a further clarification of the information furnished by HOOKER is required, a lead should be sent to the NYO to re-interview HOOKER concerning these matters.

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☐ Delinquent

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A review of referenced report by the
Chicago Office discloses what appears to be
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Page 3, Paragraph 3

"to fight Zionism and the anti-Stalinists." It appears from this that HOOKER is going to fight those who are opposed to Communism, which would indicate that HOOKER is in favor of Communism.

Page 3, Paragraph 5

It appears in this paragraph, that the Anti-Defamation League would help HOOKER in promoting the Nationalist Party. Does SANFORD GRIFFITH have an alias?

Page 4, Paragraph 1

It appears in this paragraph, that the Anti-Defamation League is promoting an organization that is anti-Semitic.

Page 4, Paragraph 1, Line 4

"research jobs which he was"

Is the word "he" in the above quote correct?

It is requested that New York advise the Chicago Office re above. Dissemination of copies of this report by Chicago have been held in abeyance.

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SA EDWARD A. BRANDT (#311)

**BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING
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RACIAL MATTERS**

The Bureau in airtel dated 11/7/58, in case captioned "HATE ORGANIZATIONS - RACIAL MATTERS" instructed that all future communications concerning the organizations to which this memorandum is directed, should be captioned to include the name of the organization and "RACIAL MATTERS". These captions are no longer reflected as "INTERNAL SECURITY - X".

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